GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS BY INDIA IN THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some mega projects are being executed by India in the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these projects are suffering from cost and time over runs;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government to expedite the progress?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) Yes.

(b) The details are enclosed (Annexure).

(c) & (d) Some projects have suffered time and cost overruns due to factors like increase in the scope of work, rise in prices of commodities and raw materials, prevailing political situation & deteriorating security environment and harsh climatic conditions in recipient countries and time- lag between preparation of initial cost estimates and commencement of work after obtaining necessary clearances.

(e) Government have taken necessary steps through bilateral mechanisms to monitor these ongoing projects for their expeditious implementation.